

Under 49 U.S.C. 10502(g), the Board may not use its exemption authority to relieve a rail carrier of its statutory obligation to protect the interests of its employees. Section 11326(c), however, does not provide for labor protection for transactions under sections 11324 and 11325 that involve only Class III rail carriers. Because this transaction involves Class III rail carriers only, the Board, under the statute, may not impose labor protective conditions for this transaction.

If the notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void *ab initio*. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the transaction.

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to STB Finance Docket No. 33517, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, Office of the Secretary, Case Control Unit, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on John D. Heffner, Rea, Cross & Auchincloss, 1920 N Street, N.W., Suite 420, Washington, DC 20036.

Decided: December 16, 1997.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams,
Secretary.

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UTAH RECLAMATION MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Provo River Restoration Project

AGENCIES: The Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Commission) and the Department of the Interior (Department).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Commission and the Department have jointly issued a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Provo River Restoration Project (PRRP). The FEIS analyzes alternatives and impacts associated with measures to restore and improve the fish habitat, riparian habitat, and natural functioning of the Provo River between Jordanelle Dam and Deer Creek Reservoir, Wasatch County, Utah. These measures are required to fulfill commitments of the 1988 Aquatic Mitigation Plan for the Strawberry Aqueduct and Collection System (SACS) and the 1987 Wildlife Mitigation Plan for the Bonneville Unit of CUP as partial mitigation for past impacts of the CUP to this and other reaches of the Provo River and to other streams within the Bonneville Unit area. The Central Utah Project Completion Act (CUPCA) also authorizes the Commission and the Department to apply additional fish habitat and riparian habitat rehabilitation benefits and recreational facilities on the Provo River as mitigation for the Provo River Project, a duly authorized Reclamation project prior to CUP. The Provo River Restoration Project plan presents three action alternatives which meet, to a greater or lesser degree depending on the alternative selected, the Commission's habitat restoration and improvement mitigation and conservation responsibilities associated with the Provo River corridor in Heber Valley.

DATES: Written comments on the FEIS must be submitted or postmarked no later than February 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the FEIS should be addressed to: Michael C.

Weland, Executive Director, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public participation has occurred throughout the EIS process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the **Federal Register** in December 1992. A notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register** June 13, 1996. Since that time, open houses, public meetings, and mail-outs have been conducted to solicit comments and ideas. Any comments received throughout the process have been considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional copies of the FEIS, DEIS, copies of the resources technical reports, or information on matters related to this notice can be obtained on request from: Michael C. Weland, Executive Director, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, Telephone: (801) 524-3146, Fax: (801) 524-3148.

Copies are also available for inspection at:

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

Department of the Interior, Natural Resource Library, Serials Branch, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240

Department of the Interior, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606

Dated: December 23, 1997.

Michael C. Weland,

Executive Director, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.

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